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(*d*) whether orders were issued to the Madras Corporation to keep a special watch over the sanitary condition of the Cooum river margins especially in the vicinity where cheri slums are located ;

(*e*) if so, when ; and

(*f*) if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*) The banks of the river Cooum in the vicinity of Law's Bridge and Harris Bridge are open to the committing of nuisances by the residents of the locality.

(*b*) The pumping of sea water does not affect this condition.

(*c*) The pumping of sea water into the Cooum was stopped on 15th July last because the water in the river had then reached the level necessary to prevent the emission of a bad smell from the shallow water and mud.

(*d*), (*e*) & (*f*) The Corporation of Madras who were consulted on the point lately in another connexion, have reported that the insanitary condition of the river banks is due to the public in general and the residents of the adjoining cheries in particular, committing nuisance there and that the matter has been taken up by the Commissioner of Police.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Civil Justice

Alleged grievances of copyists in the Judicial Department, Tanjore.

1484 *Q.*—Swami A. S. Sahajanandam : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether during his recent visit to Tanjore, the copyists of the Judicial Department waited in a deputation on him, and asked for a redress of their grievances ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the hon. Member promised to consider their case ; and

(*c*) what action the Government have since taken, or propose to take, by way of redressing their grievances as regards increased pay and pensionable service ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) It is not proposed to take any action.

Revenue Establishments

Appointment of Edigas in the Revenue Department.

1485 *Q.*—Mr. J. Bheemayya : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of permanent deputy collectors, tahsildars, stationary magistrates, head accountants and revenue inspectors in the East Godavari, West Godavari, Kistna and Ceded districts ;

(*b*) whether any Ediga has been appointed ; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons therefor ?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the Madras Quarterly Civil List and to the District Establishment lists which are available in the Council library.

(*b*) & (*c*) *Anantapur district.*—An Ediga, who is a permanent Tahsildar, is acting as District Labour Officer.

East Godavari district.—A member of the 'Gamalla' caste (which is said to be akin to the Ediga caste) is a Stationary Sub-Magistrate in this district.

West Godavari district.—An Ediga is acting as Revenue Inspector in this district.

Bellary district.—A member of the 'Kalal' community (which is said to be akin to the Ediga caste) is a probationary Revenue Inspector in this district.

Education

Reorganization of the Oriental Manuscripts Library.

1486 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the scheme of reorganization sanctioned in G.O Mis. No. 494, Law (Education), dated 2nd April 1927, for the Oriental Manuscripts Library has fully been carried out; and, if not, in what respects it has not yet been carried out and why; and

(*b*) whether only about half of the manuscripts as were dusted and oiled in the previous triennium were dusted and oiled in the triennium ending 1927-28 and, if so, why; and the arrangements, if any, since made to rectify the shortage?

A.—(*a*) No; the librarian has not yet been replaced by an Honours graduate as it has not been possible to find a suitable place for him elsewhere.

(*b*) Two hundred and six manuscripts were dusted and oiled in the triennium ending 1927–28 as compared with 377 so treated in the previous triennium. The difference is due to the fact that there was a reduction in the menial establishment towards the end of 1926. The arrangements to be made for the work are under consideration.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Elections

Introduction of the Bombay system of voting by symbols in elections.

* 1487 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: With reference to the answers to supplemental questions arising out of the answer to question No. 87, dated the 7th August 1929, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have since obtained details about the Bombay system of voting by symbols and to ascertain whether the Mysore Government also has adopted the use of symbols for voting; and if so, with what results; and

(*b*) whether the same system will be introduced in Madras also?